GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
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NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SC/ST
HARIBHAU MAHALE

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are aware that the pump operators working in the village Maijore, Panchayat Gudha Churani, Tehsil Thanagazi, district Alwar in Rajasthan underthe drinking water scheme are not being paid their salaries because they belong to the Scheduled Castes;

(b) the details of the requests received by the Commission for Scheduled Castes andScheduled Tribes on the said subject and the action taken thereon;

(c) the details of the laws enacted by the Union Government and the Rajasthan Governmentagainst any discrimination on caste basis;

(d) whether the Union Government is likely to take some special steps to eliminate discrimination on caste basis;

(e) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(f) whether the Union Government are aware that the caste discrimination is still practiced inevery sphere of life in Rajasthan even today; (g) whether the Government have conducted or proposed to conduct any survey in this regard; and (h) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT

SMT. MANEKA GANDHI

(a) The information is being collected from the Government of Rajasthan and will be laid on the Table of the House.

(b) National Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes has reported that nosuch complaint has been received either in the Headquarter or the State Office at Jaipur in the matter.

(c)(d)&(e) In furtherance of Article 17 of the Constitution by which untouchability was abolished and its practice in any form forbidden, the Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955 was enacted in order to enforce the Constitutional provision. Further to check and deter crimes against Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, the Scheduled Castesand the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 was brought into force w.e.f. 30th January, 1990 and Rules notified there under lay down procedures for implementation of that Act, including provision of relief and rehabilitation to the affected persons/dependents.

Under the Centrally Sponsored Scheme of implementation of Protection of CivilRights Act, 1955 and the Scheduled Castes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention ofAtrocities) Act, 1989, Central assistance is provided to the State Governments on 50:50basis (100 to UTs) for the measures undertaken/proposed by them for effective implementation of both the Acts.

Ministry of Home Affairs have also requested the Chief Secretaries of States/UTsto accord high priority to the framing, implementation and monitoring of the policies/schemes under the Protection of Civil Rights Act, 1955 and the ScheduledCastes and the Scheduled Tribes (Prevention of Atrocities) Act, 1989 and to have appropriate mechanism for this purpose.

(f)(g)&(h) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.